

REMARKS

Claims 34-45 are currently active.

Claims 34, 39, 40, 44 and 45 have been amended. Antecedent support for the amendments to Claims 34 and 40 are found in the figures 16-18, and page 12 line 25 through page 14, line 25. When the wheel and castor frame are in a first position, the wheel is on the ground, while the wheel and the caster are in a predetermined position different from the first position when the wheel and the caster have been lifted off of the ground. See specifically page 14, lines 20-25. The longitudinal movement results from the wheel and caster moving up and down from the first position to the predetermined position.

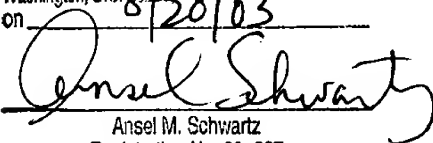
The Examiner has rejected Claims 40-43 as being anticipated by Hancock. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. Hancock teaches only rotation of a caster and wheel, but not movement both rotatably and longitudinally. Longitudinal movement is key because it provides for the ability for the caster and wheel to move from the first position to the predetermined position and back. Accordingly, Claims 40-43 are not anticipated by Hancock.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 34-39, 44 and 45 as being unpatentable over Hancock. For the reasons explained above in regard to Claims 40-43; Claims 34-39, 44 and 45 are also not obvious from Hancock since Hancock does not teach or suggest any type of longitudinal movement regarding the caster and wheel.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully requested that the outstanding rejections and objections to this application be reconsidered and withdrawn, and Claims 34-45, now in this application be allowed.


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